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1. I MET WITH FONMIN ESENBEL AT MY REQUEST MONDAY AFTERNOON (MARCH 24) TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. AS OUR DISCUSSION BEGAN, ESENBEL IMMEDIATELY RAISED QUESTION OF STATUS OF CUTOFF LEGISLATION, INDICATING THAT HE HAD REPORTS FROM SENATOR KAMRAN INAN QUOTING MANSFIELD BELIEF THAT SRFC MIGHT REPORT OUT TURKISH AID BILL TO THE SENATE FLOOR THIS WEEK. I SAID THAT I HOPED THIS WAS SO, BUT I CAUTIONED HIM THAT IT WAS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO GET TIMELY ACTION FROM SENATE COMMITTEES ON THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO A RECESS. I COUNSELED THAT IF IT HAPPENED, WE SHOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED, BUT IF IT DID NOT, HE SHOULD NOT DRAW UNDUE CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS FACT. ESENBEL AGAIN SPOKE OF THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR PROMPT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ALONG LINES WITH WHICH DEPARTMENT NOW FULLY FAMILIAR. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, HE CALLED ATTENTION TO HIS MARCH 22 STATEMENT ON TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION WIDELY REPORTED IN TODAY'S PRESS. HE ASKED IF I HAD ALREADY REPORTED THIS TO WASHINGTON AND I RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE (EMBTel 2372). HE SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD FRAMED HIS COMMENTS AS PERSONAL VIEWS, HIS STATEMENTS

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IN FACT REPRESENTED OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT THINKING. BEFORE LEAVING

THIS SUBJECT, ESENBEL NOTED THAT TOMORROW MORNING (MARCH 25) HE WOULD BE ATTENDING NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BRIEF ON MOST RECENT CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. HE ASKED ME TO TELEPHONE HIM AT BREAKFAST TIME TOMORROW (TUESDAY, MARCH 25) WITH LATEST WORD I HAD ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WE THEN TURNED TO THE QUESTION OF RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. ESENBEL REFERRED TO FACT THAT THE FAILURE OF THE SECGEN TO GET AGREEMENT FROM THE PARTIES, WECKMANN WAS NOT REPEAT NOW TAKING OVER THIS TASK. THE LATTER WAS MEETING TODAY WITH DENKTASH BUT THE TURKISH MFA DID NOT YET HAVE REPORT ON WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED. AS FOR LOCUS, ESENBEL SAID THAT THE GOT'S FIRST CHOICE WAS TEHRAN BUT IT HAD ALSO SUGGEST TO DENKTASH THAT HE AGREE TO EITHER ROME OR VIENNA. ESENBEL EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS CONFIDENT THAT AN AGREEMENT ON VENUE COULD BE REACHED FAIRLY SOON.

3. I EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ONCE THE VENUE WAS SETTLED, THE TALKS COULD START IN A TIMELY FASHION. ESENBEL SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD PROBABLY GET STARTED ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF MAY OR THE LAST DAY IN APRIL. WHEN IN INDICATED SOME SURPRISE AT THIS RATHER LEISURELY PACE, HE SAID THAT THIS WAS DICTATED BY THE SECGEN'S SCHEUDULE. HE NOTED THAT WALDHEIM WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE UNTIL THAT DATE -- "OR POSSIBLY BY APRIL 21."

4. I THEN RAISED THE SUBJECT OF LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, DRAWING ON POINTS MENTIONED PARA ONE REFTEL, REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF THESE TALKS CONTINUING TO BE CONDUCTED BY DENKTASH AND CLERIDES. HERE ESENBEL CAME RATHER INDIRECTLY TO THE BASIC POINT HE WISHED TO MAKE. HE BEGAN BY SAYING CELIK (FORMER SENIOR TURK CYPRIOT AT UN AND NOW MINISTER OF STATE AND PROPOSED DENKTASH REPRESENTATIVE AT RESUMED TALKS) WAS AN EXCELLENT MAN AND COULD BE COUNTED ON TO PERFORM WELL. ESENBEL ALSO MADE POINT THAT DENKTASH WAS HEAD OF A COMMUNITY WHICH CLERIDES WAS NOT, AND FINALLY THAT DENKTASH, IN VIEW OF HIS DUTIES, COULD NOT BE AWAY FROM THE ISLAND FOR "A MEETING EVERY TWO DAYS." I THEN REITERATED THE ADVANTAGES OF TALKS WHICH HAD CLERIDES AT THE TABLE AND EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT THE TEMPO OF TALKS WOULD BE "EVERY TWO

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DAYS." ESENBEL THEN INDICATED THAT "WE ARE SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE ON THIS SUBJECT" AND AFTER SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION BACK AND FORTH HE CAME OUT WITH WHAT HE REALLY WAS TRYING TO GET ACROSS. THIS WAS THAT IF THE GREEKS AND THE SECGEN GOT THE MESSAGE THAT THE LATTER WAS NOT TO BE PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS, EXCEPT AT THEIR INAUGURAL CONVOCATION, THEN IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SECURE DENKTASH'S DIRECT PARTICIPATION MUCH MORE OFTEN. IN MAKING THIS

COMMENT, ESENBEL AT THE SAME TIME MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE  
GOT DID NOT OBJECT TO A CONTINUING ROLE FOR WECKMANN SIMILAR  
TO WHAT BOTH SIDES HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO IN THE  
EARLIER DISCUSSIONS.

5. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT WHILE ESENBEL IS  
OBVIOUSLY USING PRESENCE OF DENKTASH AS A BARGAINING CHIP VIS-A-  
VIS WALDHEIM'S ROLE, HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT IN OUR TALK TODAY  
UNDERTAKE TO ARRANGE F DENKTASH TO BE PRESENT AT ALL MEETINGS,  
EVEN IF THE TURKS SHOULD BE FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF  
THE WALDHEIM PROBLEM.  
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